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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MALLOUM EXPLAINS LIBYAN NEGOTIATIONS

1. PRESIDENT FELIX MALLOUM MADE HIS FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH LIBYA IN COURSE OF NATIONAL RADIO ADDRESS EVENING OF MARCH 1. STATEMENT WAS LUKEWARM, AND HAS RECEIVED LETTER PUBLIC COMMENT. THE PRESIDENT BEGAN BY STATING THAT, AS ALL CHADIANS KNEW, CERTAIN QUOTE DISPOSITION UNQUOTE HAD BEEN OUTLINED IN THE DECLARATION OF SEBHA WHICH RESULTED FROM TALKS CALLED BY COL. MOAMMAR QADHAFI WITH THE HEADS OF STATE OF NIGER, SUDAN AND CHAD. HE STATED THAT THE NEW SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH PREVAILED AT THE MEETING WILL PERMIT CHAD AND LIBYA TO SEEK WAYS AND MEANS OF SOLVING THEIR PROBLEMS TOGETHER. IN THIS REGARD, HE POINTED OUT THAT EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE, AS IN SUDAN AND NIGER, TO EFFECT A NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. A MIXED COMMISSION WILL BE FORMED TO SEEK A SOLUTION TO THE CHADO-LIBYAN FRONTIER DISPUTE.

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2. MALLOUM APPEALED AGAIN TO ALL CHADIANS TO END THEIR FRATRICIDAL STRUGGLES, WHICH HAVE ENDURED TOO LONG AND HAVE RESULTED IN DESTRUCTION OF OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE ARMED FORCES AND THE CSM HAVE NEVER WANTED TO CONFISCATE POWER AND SEEK ONLY A NATIONAL RECONCILIATION FOR ALL CHADIAN SOCIAL LEVELS. IN PROOF OF THIS, HE OFFERED THE RECENT KHARTOUM

AGREEMENT WHICH HAS ALREADY BORNE FRUIT IN THE FORM OF A
GENERAL AMNESTY FOR THOSE IN PREVENTATIVE DETENTION AND
POLITICAL EXILES. ALL SUCH ACTIONS, HE STRESSED, RESULT
FROM THE NATION'S OWN HIGH INTERESTS AND ARE OF AFRICAN
CONCEPTION, NOT INSPIRED BY OUTSIDE FORCES. HE THEREUPON
CONDEMNED COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM
AND STRESSED THAT THE DOOR REMAINED OPEN TO DIALOGUE
THANKS TO THE SPIRIT OF AFRICAN SOLIDARITY AND THE PRINCIPLES
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